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Wrap up well - Britain's set to freeze

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After a warm but wet November the UK is getting set for a major change of weather. The Met Office is predicting a sharp fall in temperature this weekend and by next week many parts of the country will have night frosts and daytime temperatures close to freezing.

Strong easterly winds will make it feel even colder and some light snow is likely, especially in eastern England later on Saturday and Sunday.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: 'Recent winters have been mild but this one looks set to start with a bitter blast from the east. We're not expecting enough snow to build a snowman, but don't be surprised to see a dusting of snow on Sunday.

'Looking further ahead, the odds favour a colder winter than we've seen in recent years but it's still too early to talk about a white Christmas.'

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